Washington State Elections Weekly

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UOCAVA Mailing

Prior to the Primary and General Elections, we report to the Federal Government the UOCAVA ballots mailed in our state and verify all were mailed by the 45-day deadline. For the Primary, Saturday, June 21st, is the deadline.

On the day you mail your UOCAVA ballots, send an email to lori.augino@sos.wa.gov with the date of mailing, and the number of ballots mailed and sent electronically. For ballots sent Saturday, June 21st, send the email on Friday, June 20th. If you cannot meet the June 21st deadline, immediately call Lori Augino at (360) 725-5771.

ERIC Reports

Elections staff have been working closely with the Department of Licensing to resolve a data issue (a problem with the issuance dates for older driver licenses in DOL's database) that has been delaying our ERIC list maintenance reports.

We are confident that we now have a solution to the problem. However, the fix will not be in place in time to allow you to process reports before the Primary, so the next round will come out immediately after the Primary.

This also means we will only be doing one outreach mailing to potential voters who are unregistered this year; that will come between the Primary and the General Election.

Manuals Shipped!

Hard copies of the *Voter Intent Manual* were shipped off to your offices yesterday, but do you want a sneak peek? Here's your chance . . .

Here is what is new in the **Voter Intent Manual**:

- Graphics for hesitation marks (Rule A)
- Policies for a "Pattern of Similar Marks" (Rule B)
- Basic premise and graphics for "One Mark on a Ballot" (Rule B)
- Exception for FWABs (Rule R)

Some changes, but not all, will be covered at the <u>2014 Washington State Elections Conference</u> – please review the manual and <u>contact us</u> if you have any question.

Question of the Day

Q: Can someone campaign at courthouses?

A: State law no longer restricts campaigning outside a voting center. RCW 29A.84.510 prohibits campaigning **inside** a voting center. WAC 434-250-100 addresses campaign acts within 25 feet of a ballot deposit site, not in a voting center. Counties may adopt ordinances addressing campaign signs and acts on the courthouse grounds.

Job Opportunity

The Office of the Secretary of State – Elections Division has a current position opening for an <u>Administrative Assistant 4</u>. Please feel free to share the position announcement with any individuals that may be interested.

No Weekly Next Week

Next week is the <u>2014 Washington State Elections Conference</u>, and most Elections Division staff will be in attendance – so the *Washington State Elections Weekly* will not be sent out on June 11th. The *Weekly* will resume June 18th.

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